

THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO

A Crowded House Greeted the Dalley Company.

A STRONG PLAY WELL RENDERED.

The Dramatization of Dumas' Famous Story—A Strong Performance Given by the Newly Arrived Company—Cast of Characters and Synopsis of Play.

A crowded house greeted the first appearance of the Dalley Company, who presented a dramatization of Dumas' "Count of Monte Cristo." The performance was a good one and was generously applauded.

The principals were very clever in their various roles, notably Miss Nannary.



MISS MAY NANNARY.

(Sketch by an Advertiser Artist.)

Mercedes, Mrs. Bates as Carconte, Darrell Vinton as Edmund Dantes, the Count of Monte Cristo, and Mortimer Snow as Norrier. Vinton, to whom fell the most difficult work of the evening, acquitted himself admirably. Snow, although the part of Norrier is not as hard as one as Monte Cristo, sustained his reputation as a painstaking actor and won many friends in the audience by his clean adaptation of the part. Of the minor characters, W.R. Dalley as Cadarousse and Miss Genevieve Nannary as Albert de Morcerf, are worthy of special mention. The rest of the support was fairly good.

Miss Gassman, in the first act, introduced a very clever song and dance, singing the popular "Daisy Bell," that was reproduced in the ADVERTISER a few days ago.

Taken as a whole, the performance was considerably above the average play produced at the Opera House. All the principals showed hard study and an earnest desire to put their best foot foremost in their initial appearance in Honolulu. It is to be hoped that Mr. Dalley will present as good a performance of each of the plays he produces as was given last evening. If he does, he need not fear but that his season will be a success.

The following is the cast of characters and synopsis:

Edmund Dantes.....Darrell Vinton
Mons. Norrier, a Bonapartist.....
Albert de Morcerf, Genevieve Nannary
Villefort (Minister of Police).....
Fernande (Count de Morcerf).....
Edwin Lloyd
Danglar, (Super-cargo), Wm. Bennett
Cadarousse (An Inn-keeper).....
W. R. Dalley
Abbe Faria.....David Herne
Mons. Morel (Owner of Pharoah)
Mr. Ash
Gendarme.....John Howard
Mercedes (The Catalan) May Nannary
Carconte.....Mrs. F. M. Bates

SYNOPSIS:

Act 1.—Scene 1. Harbor overlooking the city of Marseilles. Arrival of the ship Pharoah. Edmund and Mercedes. The Conspiracy. Scene 2. Office of the Procurer Du Roi. The Anonymous letter. Interview with Dantes. Scene 3. Reserve Inn. The Wedding Night. The Arrest. To the Chateau D'If.

(A lapse of eighteen years between Acts 1 and 2.)

Act 2.—Scene 1. Apartment in the House of Count de Morcerf. Scene 2. Tomb of the Chateau D'If. The Abbe's legacy. Scene 3. The Exterior of the Chateau D'If. The Burial. The Escape. "The World is Mine."

Act 3.—Inn Pont Du Gard. Abbe Busoni, meeting with Albert. Villefort, The Minister of Police.

Act 4.—Hotel de Morcerf. Count of Monte Cristo. The reconvention. The Insult.

Act 5.—The forest of Fontainebleau. The Apology. To the galleys and for life. Death of Fernand. The Vengeance of Monte Cristo is complete.

The steamer Lehua, with the members of the Board of Health and their guests on board, returned from the Leper Settlement about 10 o'clock last evening. The time at the Settlement was spent by the Board in visiting the different hospitals and making a personal inspection of affairs there.

My wife was confined to her bed for over two months with a very severe attack of rheumatism. We could get nothing that would afford her any relief, and as a last resort gave Chamberlain's Pain Balm a trial. To our great surprise she began to improve after the first application, and by using it regularly she was soon able to get up and attend to her house work. E. H. Johnson, of C. J. Knutson & Co., Kensington, Minn. 50 cent bottles for sale by all dealers. BENSON, SMITH & CO.,

CORRESPONDENCE.

A Proposition for the Organization of Schools.

MR. EDITOR:—As the important question of education is at present obtaining a considerable amount of attention, may I venture to ask you to read over the accompanying synopsis of a system which, if fully explained and understood, may be thought not unworthy of calm consideration by not a few of your readers. I have traveled as an expert in teaching in Britain, the States, France, Germany, Australia and New Zealand; and wherever I have been I lost no opportunity of becoming familiar with the different kinds of education provided. I have held positions of all grades in every kind of school, and can therefore speak from experience. Perhaps you may feel disposed to open your columns to my synopsis, and so introduce the subject in a direct way; if so, I shall feel highly honored. I am prepared to fill up in detail the various divisions of the synopsis.

NEIL HEATH, F.E.S.

EDUCATION.

ADMINISTRATION.—Council, presided over by the Minister of Education, appointed by Government, having members appointed for three years by school committees with powers:

1. To apportion the funds.
2. To draw up and see faithfully and loyally carried out a syllabus of instruction for the different standards in the schools.
3. Appoint officials and confirm appointment of teachers by committees from list of desirable applicants made by Council, and submitted to committees.
4. Examine for certificates and scholarships.
5. To form school districts.
6. Confirm appointment of committees.

Committees: Each school district to have its committee, which will be responsible for (1) the general well-being of the school; (2) the appointment and payment of the teachers; and (3) the condition of the school property. The members to be elected annually by the ratepayers.

SCHOOLS.—(1) Primary: Education to be free; a small charge for school stationery to be made according to discretion of committees. Classes to be divided into six standards—1, 2, 3 and 4 being compulsory.

(2) Secondary: Education free only to those from the Primary schools who have passed the sixth standard. Those who can, at the entrance examination of the Secondary schools, obtain a certain number of marks will be entitled, in addition to free education, to a money scholarship, to provide for the purchase of text-books, etc. These scholarships to lapse when satisfactory conduct and progress are not reported by the Principal.

UNIVERSITY.—A certain number of scholarship will be given annually to those who have graduated from the Secondary School and who from the marks obtained in Examinations (not one but all) are considered by the Council as worthy of a University Education. Successful candidate must engage to return to this country and give it the benefit of the scholarship obtained or reimburse the Council.

Practicing: A leading school in each island to be selected as one at which the Principal will continue and complete the professional education of the young teacher whose time will be engaged partly as paid assistant and partly as student for certificate.

TEACHERS.—Principals: These must be holders of highest certificate. Assistants: All must hold certificates.

Pupil Teachers: These to be engaged for four years at a progressive salary, receive one hour's training at least daily from Principal and to be examined by Council annually. On expiry of apprenticeship they must attend the Practicing School so as to obtain certificate, and thus be eligible for appointment.

Probationers: These are such as desire to possess certificates without having served an apprenticeship. Wishing to gain experience they may be employed as assistants at a nominal salary.

EXAMINER'S SCHOOLS.—All examinations to be conducted by the Council. Each school must be examined, (1) orally, (2) on paper once each year, and no pupil must be admitted to a higher standard who has not passed the lower. A certificate of having passed to be given to each pupil. Each child examined must have attended a certain number of times during the year. All examination papers, result and Inspector's report to be placed at the earliest in the hands of the Council. A copy of the statement of results and report to be forwarded without delay to the school committee.

Pupil Teachers: These will be examined in the practice of teaching by the Inspector at the time of the school examination, and in scholarship and entirely on paper at appointed centres at a specified time once a year.

Teachers: Examinations for certificates will be held once annually at the same time and at appointed centres.

INSPECTION.—An Inspector will be required to spend some time once each year at each school to examine most thoroughly into the working of the school, the methods of teaching adopted, the state of the school property, the time table, the roll book, and the log book and to give the teachers the benefit of his advice in the methods of school management and the method of teaching—converting the school for the time being into a normal school. If a teacher's association exist in the district, it will be well for the Inspector to make arrangements for holding a sitting of the same at

which he could make himself of very great value to those present. He would be on the spot to influence for good a large number at the same time and by his words of prudence caution and encouragement do much to make them wisely enthusiastic in following up their profession.

GRANTS.—All grants to be made by the Council on the application of the committees and from statement of facts provided by the Inspector.

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